

S/N: 10/815,277  
November 3, 2006

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
NOV 03 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending.

Claims 9, 13 and 15 have been amended by deleting "hydrocarbon" to obviate the lack of antecedent basis. Claim 15 has also been amended to correct the dependency of the claim. The rejection under 13 USC § 112, second paragraph should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) over Cekada et al. (US 3445415 and 3433780, incorporated by reference). Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the amount of peroxy compound from original claim 21 (not rejected). Cekada does not disclose a peroxy compound in an amount of 1 to 8 weight percent in an aqueous composition. The peroxy compound is used in Cekada as a catalyst for the polymerization reaction in smaller amounts. The rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has made a number of rejections to part and/or all of the pending claims under 35 USC § 103(a) over Chang et al. (US 6736857) in view of Rees (US 5284597) and separately using a second Chang patent (US 6802870) in view of Rees. Separate obvious-type double patenting rejections over the same references have been made. While applicants believe there is no motivation to combine Rees with Chang, in order to advance prosecution, terminal disclaimers are respectfully submitted to both commonly owned Chang patents. In view thereof, the rejections should be withdrawn.

S/N: 10/815,277  
November 3, 2006

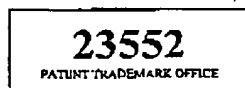
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

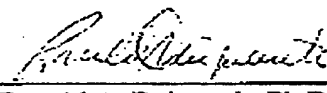
Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Date: November 3, 2006



  
Ronald A. Daignault, Ph.D.  
Of Counsel  
Reg. No. 25,968